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Ministry of Tourism commissions University of Central Florida for a survey of Aruba's tourism product



Manuel Rivera UCF Research Fellow at Rosen College

On Monday morning, March 4, a group of 25 Hospitality Management and Tourism students from the University of Aruba and the island's vocational middle school, EPI, began two days of workshops and training prior to canvassing a wide range of island visitors as part of a comprehensive survey.

The island youth have been hired as independent contractors by Rosen College at the University of Florida, a renowned tourism management training institution,

which has been commissioned by Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber to provide the information from which his ministry will draft a "Master Strategic Plan" for sustainable tourism through the next decades.

Minister Oduber took a moment to address the participating students on the necessity of their task, before Tico Croes, a former Minister of Tourism and Finance in previous administrations, began the workshops.

Minister Oduber was then joined by John Wardlaw, Dean of the Faculty of Hospitality Management and Tourism Studies of the University of Aruba, and Manuel Rivera Research Fellow at Rosen College, to respond to queries from local media and emphasize the importance of this exercise regarding Aruba's economic future.

John Wardlaw expressed that incorporating Aruba's future tourism executives into the study is a "win/win situation for the U of A, as they are our researchers of the future and we see this as a way of complementing our program on research methodology." It is a practice of the university to thoroughly train their tourism students in the survey and research skills, as this best helps them to understand the demands of various tourism demographics, and to devise systems to meet that demand.

Minister Oduber affirmed this is the core mission of this project; providing the hard information needed to strengthen Aruba's principal economic pillar, while also increasing the skills of those who will be most active in that field.

Manuel Rivera is also Managing Editor of the International Journal of Hospitality Management and contributing his time to the training workshops. He explained that UCF has conducted similar studies for Orlando Florida, Ecuador,



John Wardlaw and Minister Oduber

Nicaragua and Puerto Rico, customizing their techniques for each destination, as individual strengths and weaknesses dictate the needs of

each entity in how they develop and market their tourism product.

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New MasterCard Fraud Scam

ORANJESTAD -- Phishing scam still making the rounds of e-mails

Yet another email phishing attempt has been circulating since fall of last year, and appearing in inboxes as of this week. The subject line contained the reference number as below but included "Procedural Warning - Security Alert" rather than that from a similar scam circulating during the summer. Additionally, the directions to start the security process varied from the original scam in that it asked "please login inside your account www.cucardsonline.com and follow the steps."

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You can help protect yourself by remembering this important information:

- The simplest way to protect yourself from fraudsters is to avoid clicking on any unexpected link in an email message.

- Most fake communications convey a sense of urgency by threatening discontinued service

- Many fraudulent e-mails contain misspellings, incorrect grammar, and poor punctuation

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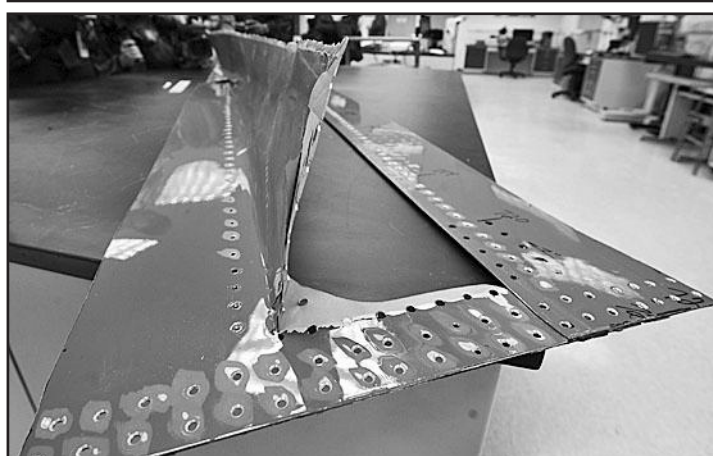
- Phishing e-mails often use generic salutations like "Dear Customer," or "Dear Account Holder" instead of your name

- The address from which the e-mail was sent is often not one from the company it claims to be

Internet scams are easily defused by taking only a moment to search out some key words and get the facts. Always be wary of offers to share an unclaimed inheritance or the typical invitation to share in tens of millions of dollars of forgotten funds. Despite continuous warnings, these frauds are still perpetrated.



NEWPORT BEACH -- Sir Richard Branson attended a press conference in Newport Beach, California yesterday to announce plans to take a solo piloted submarine to the deepest points in each of the world's five oceans. The five dives will take place in the Mariana Trench (Pacific Ocean), Puerto Rico Trench (Atlantic Ocean), Diamantina Trench (Indian Ocean), South Sandwich Trench (Southern Ocean) and Molloy Deep (Arctic Ocean). Virgin's Oceanic's first dive will be to the Mariana Trench later in 2011 and a further four dives are scheduled over the next 24 months. (AFP PHOTO)



WASHINGTON-- The 5-foot-long fuselage skin section taken from the Southwest Airlines accident aircraft was displayed yesterday to the media at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in Washington, DC. The section of the Boeing 737 fuselage is being examined in Materials Laboratory at the NTSB Headquarters, after a hole ripped open in the aircraft carrying 123 people, forcing it to make an emergency landing. The US Federal Aviation Administration said on April 4 that it will order inspections of some 175 older Boeing 737s in the wake of a fuselage rupture that forced a Southwest Airlines 737 emergency landing. The action initially will apply to a total of about 175 aircraft worldwide, 80 of which are US-registered aircraft, the FAA said. (AFP Photo_

First ban on all Japanese food over nuclear crisis

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) -- India banned all food imports from Japan yesterday, the first country to impose a blanket block over radiation from a stricken nuclear plant, as shares in its operator plunged to an all-time low.

With workers pumping toxic water from the Fukushima atomic plant into the Pacific Ocean for a second day Japan imposed a legal limit for radioactive iodine in fish, adding it would look at widening tests to cover a larger area.

Raised levels of radioactive iodine had been discovered in a fish caught off Ibaraki prefecture, south of the crippled plant.

An Indian government statement said all food imports from Japan "stand suspended with immediate effect" for three months, or until "credible information is available that the radiation hazard has sub-

sided to acceptable limits".

The move by India, which imports small amounts of fruits, vegetables and processed food, is the first nationwide ban, while several countries including China, Singapore and the United States have blocked food from some Japanese prefectures.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO) said it needs to dump 11,500 tons, or more than four Olympic pools' worth, of the radioactive liquid, raising concerns about marine life in the island nation, where seafood is a key source of protein.

Some radioactive runoff has already leaked into the Pacific Ocean, raising levels of iodine-131 to over 4,000 times the legal limit in one measurement.

Yesterday, government chief spokesman Yukio Edano announced a legal limit of 2,000 becquerels per kilogram for radioactive iodine in seafood, the first time such restriction for fish.

"The government has decided to temporarily adopt the same limit as for vegetables," he told a press conference.

The move came after radioactive iodine of more than double that concentration was detected in a variety of small fish known as konago, or sand lance, caught off Ibaraki, south of the plant.

Fishing of the species was stopped locally, reports said.

Radioactive iodine above legal limits has been detected in vegetables, dairy products and mushrooms, triggering shipping bans, but officials had said seafood was less at risk as ocean currents and tides dilute dangerous isotopes.

Fishermen in the area expressed outrage over the decision to dump radioactive water into the ocean.

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Six Ways to Keep Customers: Part II

In last issue of this fine daily news, I gave you three of the six things every business owner needs to do to keep customers and to keep them coming back again and again: **1.** Be a trusted adviser, **2.** Provide expert recommendations for purchase proposals and **3.** Go the extra mile to deliver what the customer wants.

If you missed the first part of this article contact the Morning News Office or go online at www.themorningnewsaruba.com.

Today, let me explore with you what I consider to be the next three most important things that will keep customers and keep them coming back to your business.

As I mentioned in the previous article, it does not matter how well you have your business organized, or how much in demand you think your product is, nor does it really matter how cheap your prices are. If you do not have these six things in place and well functioning, your customers will not develop any kind of loyalty for your business and they will most probably buy from someone else more often than from you.

Customers today demand the best for their money, and the best is not limited to the price they pay. The best includes price, but much more important is the personal treatment and service they receive every time they walk in to your place of business.

The next 3 things you need to do to keep customers are:

4. Always connect with your customer. Customers like associating a business

with a human face, not just because they like the warmth of interaction but because they feel that there is a person who is attending to their best interests. Appealing to the emotional component of decision making reinforces the validity of customers' decisions to purchase from your business. Hence, the business owner who knows how to connect with customers will undoubtedly see customers returning over and over again. The emotional component is far more important than your good service or attractive prices!

5. Always offer quality merchandise and services. You should have as your number one priority to provide only quality products and insure that this be embedded in all of your processes, from testing the product to the final sale. If you ship products to customers, be certain that each product is meticulously checked for quality before it leaves your premises to be delivered to the customer. Poor quality will obviously lead to returns and claims but, more insidiously, will result in losing customers forever.

Be attuned to what your customers, competitors, and industry are saying and doing in order to define the specifics of the simple ways that your business will keep customers. Prioritize and execute: Train your staff to interact effectively with customers, encourage your team to keep up with trends, connect or send others to connect, and delegate the basics. Every staff member, every employee should know

enough about your product that they can intelligently talk about the product, its benefits, operation, etc. This is why I like shopping at Kooyman, their employees; especially Sergio, knows their products well and can talk intelligently about them and advise me accurately!

6. Make business changes that reflect changes in the competitive environment and customers' buying habits. Integrate current trends into your offerings. Don't be oblivious to your competition, stay alert and adopt competitors' ideas that are easy to implement or seem especially profitable. Periodically, in keeping with the rest of the market, reconfigure your pricing structures. Don't over price your product. You'd be amazed at the large percentage of today's customers who will have checked your price against the price of your product on the internet. If your customer finds a sizeable price difference over the net, chances are they will distrust your pricing and resort to buying the product online instead of from you. Overpricing of products has been the death of many companies today. Their customer base has dwindled because their customers have chosen to buy online instead of paying their unreasonably high prices.

There you have it...my list of six things to keep customers and to keep them coming back again and again! Obviously, there may be a lot more you could add to this list. But these six alone will set you right.

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San Nicolaas getting Government's attention!

ORANJESTAD -- According to minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber, the Carubiana Festival is poised to begin in the month of April. Oduber indicated that the expectations are extremely high for the manner in which this festival will be presented. The Carubiana Festival will incorporate our culture as an element of our tourism. This aspect was addressed during the dignitary's meetings with the different stakeholders. Everyone emphasized the fact that our culture should resonate during such an activity.

Minister Oduber extended an invitation to everyone involved in the culinary niche on the island. His invitation was also extended to those who may wish to participate in this historic-cultural show which is under the auspices of the Department of Culture.

The minister informed that the festival has been incorporated in a foundation that is being subsidized by the government, but that it will work in consortium with other existing foundations and departments in order to fill the present void of a cultural emphasis, especially for the San Nicolaas area.

With respect to San Nicolaas, Oduber indicated that again this year the Soul Beach Festival will take place in San Nicolaas. He is convinced that these types of



shows can be used to showcase the other side of our island, namely, San Nicolaas.

The Tourism Minister also informed the press and residents of San Nicolaas that he has taken the decision to open a tourism information office in San Nicolaas. He and his colleague ministers of Infrastructure and Finance have already visited the location for this office and that it should be ready within in 2 to 3 months. This action along with the investments made by the government in the infrastructure of San Nicolaas will definitely begin to draw visitors to this part of our island. Not only will these activities draw visitors to San Nicolaas, but they will definitely create new opportunities for this part of Aruba which for many years has been neglected.



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"My dueling piano career began in the mid 90's with a nine-year stint at Jellyrolls in Atlanta, Georgia, interspersed with performances at Jellyrolls Disney World in Orlando, as well," reports Cliff. The wave of steady demand for his great mix of classic and hard rock along

with country and romantic favorites has continued with corporate events all over the US and weekly gigs throughout the Southeast. "Mix in some college frat dates with Buck Cherry, Pete Yorn and a few other screamers, and I find my Dueling Piano show has brought in all ages and genders."

Cliff's career has been punctuated with wedding receptions, performances at the Fernbank Museum, Coca Cola and a very special date to entertain U.S. troops at the Ranger Rendezvous. He is excited to be sharing the stage with long-time friend and colleague, Damian, and the duo has a great chemistry that has been bringing standing ovations for the past week.

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Damian Cartier on the keyboard

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by Rosalie Klein



Cliff Holcomb at the piano

Six Ways to Keep Customers:

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Your business will survive, thrive and excel according to the treatment and service given your customers. Have you ever wondered how come even businesses with high priced items keep customers returning for more of their expensive products? Well, there are many factors of course, such as those customers' financial strength and certain customers' need to shop for high priced products for prestige reasons. But, no matter what their psychological motivation, they go back to the same business for more primarily because of the way they are treated! I couldn't emphasize it enough...keeping cus-

tomers coming back is essential, is paramount to running a successful business....treat them right, and they will become loyal to you! Now you want to concentrate less on your competition, less on your physical layout, less on your employee uniforms, less on your image and a whole lot more on your service to customers! Exceptional service is what will make you a true winner in business today!

If this was helpful, please write and let me know. Or, if you want me to address a particular topic, let me know: themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com. Thanks.

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Former Minister of Tourism Tico Croes coaches students

Minister Oduber expressed the expectation that this study will prove enlightening to all aspects of the community in understanding what the island requires to maintain their economy and encourage continued growth. The survey figures will be submitted to the Central Bureau of Statistics for a full analysis of every aspect of visitor expectation, satisfaction and loyalty, and how to best maintain

the steadfast repeat trade which is the foundation of Aruba's tourism industry.

The final report will be submitted to and studied by the entire Cabinet of Ministers, as it is expected the results will influence actions by various ministries and require them to work in concert to create a viable Strategic Master Plan.

by Rosalie Klein

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Sci-Tech

'Skype school' brings knowledge to Indian village



Santosh Kumar (R) uses the Skype computer programme to teach maths to children in Chamanpura

NEW DELHI (AFP) – The electricity keeps cutting out, the Internet connection is crackly and the speakers don't always work, but Santosh Kumar knows that 20 pupils far away in eastern India are relying on him.

Once a week, Kumar uses the Skype computer programme to teach maths to children in Chamanpura, a poor village in the struggling state of Bihar, 600 miles (970 kilometres) from his two-storey house in the suburbs of New Delhi.

The free Internet service allows the class to see, via a projector, Kumar's tutorial which includes an animated tale about a greedy priest and a wily countryman to teach the students about numbers and the concept of infinity.

"The first time I did this, they were really excited by the technology, now they don't care," Kumar said. "It's normal to them."

Kumar, a successful 34-year-old engineer, grew up in

Chamanpura village before battling his way to a place at the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and on to a well-paid job in the Indian capital.

"It's an uphill task to bring education to villages," he said, recalling his teenage years when he would cycle eight miles to college in a nearby town.

Kumar's cousin Chandrakant Singh, also now a well-paid engineer, decided during a trip back to the village to set up a school for children aged between 6 and 12.

"I wanted to provide a world-class education to students in the remotest place on Earth," said Singh, who remembers studying at night under the dim light of a kerosene lamp.

Unfazed by the fact that Chamanpura has no mains electricity, or by the refusal of experienced teachers to travel to Bihar, Singh approached his friends for donations to

fund the Chaitanya Gurukul boarding school.

He installed two power generators and organised training for 16 local teachers before hitting on the idea of using Skype to connect students with professionals across India.

"The world's greatest teachers don't want to go there, so I thought maybe we could use technology to help our students learn faster," he said.

The school opened its doors in April 2010, offering admission to 500 students, 50 of whom pay nothing, with the rest charged according to their parents' ability to afford fees.

The Skype lessons take place in the evenings after the day's regular classes and at weekends.

Kumar was on board from the beginning, adamant that he could help the students and give them more "clarity" on what they learnt in class.

"Some of them were curious, others got intimidated, I had to work with them to rid them of their fear," he said, pointing out many of them had never seen a computer before.

"Now it's like television for them, it entertains them and hopefully they learn something," he said during another power outage. "The technical problems happen often. It's extremely frustrating but we carry on."

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Hackers hunt prey on smartphones, Facebook

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – Hackers are following prey onto smartphones and social networking hotspots, according to reports released Tuesday by a pair of computer security firms.

Cyber criminals are also ramping up the sophistication and frequency of attacks on business and government networks, one of the companies, Symantec, said in the latest volume of its Internet Security Threat Report.

Symantec depicted a "massive" volume of more than 286 new computer threats on the Internet last year, continued growth in attacks at online social networks and "a notable shift in focus" by hackers to mobile devices.

"The major mobile platforms are finally becoming ubiquitous enough to garner the attention of attackers," Symantec said in its findings.

In March, smartphones running on Google-backed Android software were the target of the largest attack ever on the devices, noted a PandaLabs report focused on

the first three months of this year.

"This assault was launched from malicious applications on Android Market, the official app store for the operating system," PandaLabs said.

Within a four-day span, seemingly legitimate Android smartphone applications rigged with malicious "Trojan" computer code were downloaded more than 50,000 times, according to PandaLabs.

"The Trojan steals personal information from cellphones, and downloads and installs other apps without the user's knowledge," the computer security firm said.

The Symantec report indicated that cyber crooks were also infiltrating news-feed capabilities at popular social networking services to "mass-distribute" attacks.

Such tactics typically involve getting into one person's account at a social network and then sending others links to websites booby-trapped with malicious computer code.

Ozone depletion over Arctic at record level: WMO

GENEVA (AFP) – Depletion of the ozone layer over the Arctic has reached record levels, and Nordic countries will have to watch for higher than normal ultraviolet radiation in coming weeks, the UN weather agency said Tuesday.

The Arctic ozone layer suffered a loss of about 40 percent from the beginning of winter to late March, up from the previous record of about 30 percent over the entire winter, according to the World Meteorological Organisation.

"Depletion of the ozone layer -- the shield that protects life on Earth from harmful levels of ultraviolet rays -- has reached an unprecedented level over the Arctic this spring because of the continuing presence of

ozone-depleting substances in the atmosphere and a very cold winter in the stratosphere," the WMO said in a statement.

With the ozone deficient region shifting away in late March from the pole to cover Greenland and Scandinavia, these Nordic regions would have to watch for higher than normal ultraviolet radiation in coming weeks.

"As the solar elevation at noon increases over the next weeks, regions affected by the ozone depletion will experience higher than normal UV radiation," said the WMO.

"The public is recommended to stay informed through national UV forecasts," it said.



FRANCE, Cherbourg-Octeville : French chairman of the "Veritable Cherbourg" company, Jean-Pierre Yvon presents with his son his protection dome named "ParaPactum" on April 4, 2011 in Cherbourg, northwestern France. The paraPactum, a multidirectional protection dome that spreads out instantaneously, is used to ensure president Nicolas Sarkozy's protection. (AFP PHOTO)

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Health & Living



ASUNCION, Paraguay : Municipal workers fumigate as they join the fight against the *Aedes aegypti* -- the mosquito that transmits dengue fever -- in Asuncion yesterday. Dengue fever is causing massive absenteeism in Paraguayan schools, where between 10 and 15 percent of the students are thought to be affected by the flu-like disease.

AFP/PHOTO



PARIS, France : Microsoft founder and philanthropist Bill Gates smiles on the set of the TF1 TV channel in Paris before an interview with French journalist Laurence Ferrari. Gates is in visit to France for his foundation's Living Proof Project to highlight successes of US-funded global health initiatives.

AFP/PHOTO

EU to adopt Japan's tighter thresholds for radiation in food



A shopper checks the producing area of vegetables at a supermarket in Tokyo in March 2011.

STRASBOURG, Germany (AFP) -- Europe will lower the levels of radioactivity allowed in food to match already stricter ceilings set by Japan, European Commission head Jose Manuel Barroso said.

Barroso said thresholds established after the 1986 nu-

clear accident at Chernobyl in then-Soviet Ukraine followed the scientific advice of the day, but that with Japan being "very sensitive to anything that affects food security," it had instigated even tighter leeway.

As a "precautionary meas-

ure," Barroso said, the European Union would now "apply the Japanese values, which are lower than our own."

The commission said last week it could strengthen controls on imports of Japanese food to include checks on the presence of plutonium.

The 27-nation EU's executive arm the previous week imposed emergency tests on imports of Japanese food and feed originating in or consigned from areas most affected by leakage from the Fukushima Daiichi plant, following a massive earthquake and tsunami.

According to the commission, Japan has the right to export to the EU fishery products, bivalve molluscs (seafood), casings and pet food as well as fruits and vegetables.

Health Tip: Getting My Child to Go to Sleep

-- Your growing child needs a good night's rest, and a consistent bedtime routine can make putting your youngster to bed a little less challenging.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these suggestions:

*Make the time before bed "quiet time," with a bath, book or soft music.

*Have your child go to bed at the same time each night.

*Let your child choose a favorite blanket or stuffed animal to take to bed. Just make sure there are no choking or strangulation hazards.

*Take care of your child's preferences before bedtime, such as leaving the door slightly ajar, having a night light or having a drink of water.

*Your child should sleep in his own room, not yours.

*Don't make a habit of going back into your child's room each time the child cries or calls for you.

*Be patient if the child wakes at night or has trouble falling asleep.

British scouts to 'be prepared' with sex education

LONDON, England (AFP) -- British scouts are giving their age-old motto "be prepared" a new twist with the launch Tuesday of sex education classes in a bid to help tackle the country's high rates of sexually transmitted diseases.

The Scout Association is adding learning about the birds and the bees to its more traditional activities such as camping, canoeing and climbing.

The programme, for scouts aged 14-18, is designed to encourage young people to learn about relationships and sexual health "with their peers and trusted adults," said the group.

Called "My Body, My Choice", it includes a range of activities such as a "condom quiz" and a "sexually transmitted infections" card game.

The "fluid exchange game" uses plastic cups and food colouring to demonstrate how quickly fluid and infection can spread.

Britain is the sick man of



Europe when it comes to sexual health, with the highest rates of sexually transmitted infections and teenage pregnancies, according to official figures.

"We want to help young people become confident, clued up and aware," said Bear Grylls, chief scout and presenter of TV adventure shows.

"We only get one body, so respect it and people will respect you."

The association said that scout groups will be given material for the course but insisted that individual scout leaders can choose whether or not to run the program.

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Cas Animal cont'd

Happy endings...



Salome, Luis and Rocky with Ithua and Kiki are departing for Holland

The sight of a stray dog, so skinny, with obvious skin conditions, is heartbreaking. Aruba has its share, and people like Kiki Arndt, who founded Cas Animal, and others, do their utmost to help them. Kiki has in her home 72 dogs and 11 puppies she has taken off the streets or away from abusive owners, along with 38 cats being cared for at a friend's.

Fortunately, a number of

these stories have a happy ending, such as that of Ruben, who was befriended by Janet Enoch of Geneva, IL during her recent stay at the Playa Linda Beach Resort. Linda is an animal activist back in the U.S., involved with a group called SHARK-Showing Animals Respect and Kindness.

Janet and Ruben's story is not uncommon; the night before her departure she realized

she could not bear to leave behind this sweet dog she had adopted for the week, so an emergency call to Kiki resulted in a rush consultation at Contreras Veterinary Clinic to certify the dog was rabies free and vaccinate him. Fortunately, Ruben, who did test positive for heartworm and had a mild case of tick-fever, was eligible for travel. Rabies is actually unheard of on Aruba, so it is not really an issue.

Kiki assisted Janet in getting her dog carrier and arranging transport back to the U.S., all very rush, rush, which is so often the case. "It would be easier for us if those that become attached to our lovable cunucu dogs would make this decision sooner, but perhaps they just don't see the end of their stay coming and the fact they cannot part with this animal that has become so attached to them."

Janet sent Kiki and Contreras Clinic a picture of Ruben, happy in his new home; clean and pest free, and responding well to treatment. "He loves to sleep in bed with us, but with our 7 cats, there isn't any room. I fixed him up



Ruben in his happy new home

a great bed by our bed, so he is close and happy," she reports. "Thank you for everything you are doing to improve the lives of the cats and dogs on your island! You are very much needed and appreciated!"

Kiki's costs for care and feeding of the dogs and cats in her care are astronomical, and any and all donations towards expenses are appreciated. For information call 565-2130 or 742-8732. Kiki also maintains a free Animal Ambulance to transport sick or injured dogs

to the vet's office when their owners are unable to do so, as well as rescuing dogs off the streets. She is busy raising funds to construct a proper animal shelter on land awarded her by the government, which will house up to 200 dogs plus cats and contain proper care facilities. Contributions can be made through CMB Bank account # 25762110 under the name of Cas Animal; to follow the foundation's progress, visit their Facebook page.

by Rosalie Klein



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ORANJESTAD – The Centro pa Desaroyo di Hende Muhe-CEDEHM – Center for Development of Women – is attempting to educate the community regarding the many services they offer for the development and advancement of women. The center is in communication with various government departments so as to keep the public informed regarding educational programs available for adults in the evenings.

CEDEHM was recently present at an Openbare Avondleergangen Aruba - O.A.A. night, so as to be well informed of the numerous of opportunities for adults to increase their skills and thus be eligible for better jobs at better salaries. The courses discussed at the O.A.A. included carpentry,

drafting, refrigeration, welding, electricity, mechanics, sewing, and water pipe installation and more. Presently 17 different courses, basic and advanced, are being conducted. Duration of a course can range between 6 months and 2 years, depending on the level of expertise to be acquired. It is well known that current and potential employers appreciate the time course participants are willing to invest in order to advance in their professions.

CEDEHM representatives at the O.A.A. were Director Sandra Brown and Jahaira Valdez, social worker at the center. It is located at Oranjestraat 28 in Oranjestad, and can be contacted at telephone 588-1391 or via e-mail cedehm@arubagovernment.com.

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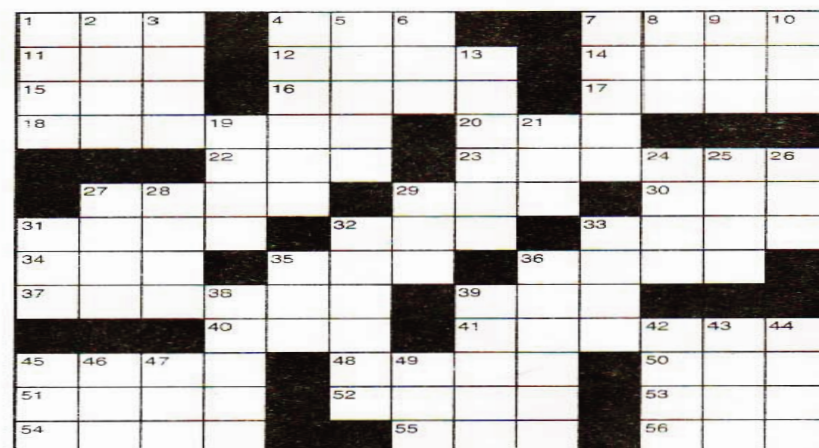
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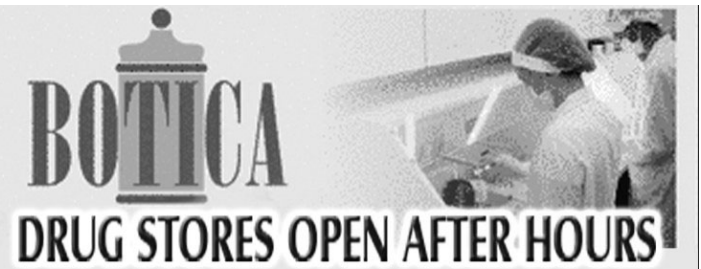
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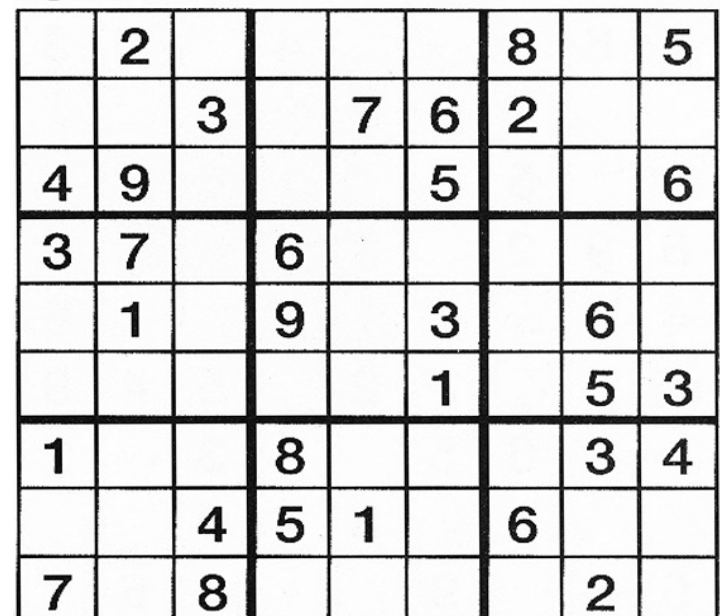
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Cuba to drill five new oil wells by 2013

HAVANA, (AFP) - Cuba announced plans to drill five deep-water oil wells in the Gulf of Mexico beginning this summer, expressing confidence that its efforts will be rewarded with major new energy finds.

"We're about to move to the drilling phase," said Manuel Marrero, an official with the government authority tasked with overseeing Cuba's oil sector.

"We're all really hopeful that we will be able to discover large reserves of oil and gas," said Marrero, who added that the ventures would be undertaken with the help of unspecified foreign companies.

He said the deepwater wells were to be drilled between 2011 and 2013, and would be in waters ranging in depth between 400 meters (a quarter mile) and 1,500 meters (1.6 miles). He did not specify which countries would be among the foreign partners working with Havana on the project.

Studies estimate Cuba has probable reserves of between five and nine billion barrels of oil in its economic zone in the Gulf of Mexico.

In 2010, Cuba produced 21 million barrels of oil, about the same as it had extracted the previous year, representing a little less than half of its annual energy needs.

Cuba imports that rest of its oil -- about 100,000 barrels per day -- from Venezuela.

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Libya rebels set for oil exports as tanker docks

BENGAZI, (AFP) - Libyan rebels were set to begin exporting oil for the first time since mid-March after a tanker capable of holding \$100 million worth of crude docked at an eastern port.

The Liberian-flagged tanker "has docked in Tobruk," Michelle Bockmann, markets

editor of shipping news and data provider Lloyd's List, told AFP in London. "The boat is expected to be loaded on today."

Earlier, Bockman said the ship was "a Suezmax tanker and it's able to load one million barrels, or about 130,000 tonnes of oil. So it's over 100 million dollars' (70.5 million euros) worth of crude." The rebels would neither confirm nor deny reports the ship was due, calling it a matter of "national security".

"These are national security questions, telling the enemy what we have and what we don't ... So we prefer not to comment on these things," Mustafa Gheriani told AFP.

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US judge tosses \$625 million award against Apple



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US District Court judge in Texas has tossed out a \$625.5 million damages award against Apple in a patent infringement case involving a document management and display system.

Judge Leonard Davis of the US District Court for the

Eastern District of Texas in Tyler, Texas, vacated the jury's finding against Apple in the case filed by a company called Mirror Worlds in March 2008.

Mirror Worlds had accused Apple Macintosh computers powered by the Mac OS X operating system of infringing on patents held by the company founded by a Yale University professor.

In October, a jury found that Apple had infringed three patents and awarded \$208.5 million in damages for each patent.

Judge Davis, however, in a 44-page ruling this week, vacated the damages award, which would have been one

of the largest ever in the United States.

"Separate and apart from the sufficiency of evidence regarding infringement, there is insufficient evidence to support the jury's \$208.5 million damages award," the judge said.

"No matter how attractive a party paints the facade of its case, it is worthless without the requisite foundational support," the judge said.

"In this case, Mirror Worlds may have painted an appealing picture for the jury, but it failed to lay a solid foundation sufficient to support important elements it was required to establish under the law," he said.

Gold price hits record high above \$1,450 an ounce

LONDON, England (AFP) - The price of gold hit a record high above \$1,450 an ounce in trading here Tuesday as the 'safe haven' metal won support from geopolitical unrest and surging global inflation, traders said.

Gold reached \$1,450.65 an ounce at 1515 GMT on the London Bullion Market, beating the previous record of \$1,447.82 set on March 24.

It stood at \$1,448.65 an ounce at about 1630 GMT, while sister metal silver struck a 31-year peak of \$39.09 an ounce in the wake of gold's rally.

Precious metals have been winning support as unrest in the Middle East and north Africa "shows no signs of abating with the civil war in Libya escalating and already negative situations in... Syria, Yemen and Bahrain deteriorating further," said SEB Commodity Research analyst Bjarne Schieldrop.

"Increasing global inflation pressures provide additional support for gold."

Brent crude oil futures surged to 2.5-year highs above \$122 a barrel in London trade on Tuesday, sparking concerns that global inflation could continue to rise.



"Very high inflation rates are particularly good for gold for short periods, as investors seek out hard assets, as concerns about the outlook intensify and safe-haven buying picks up," Standard Chartered analysts said in a research note.

China, a major consumer of commodities such as oil and metals, said Tuesday it would raise one-year deposit and lending rates by 25 basis points in its latest effort to curb rampant lending and bring inflation under control.

The People's Bank of China said the interest rate hikes -- the fourth since late last year -- would take effect today.

Authorities have been pulling on a variety of policy levers to rein in con-

sumer prices and housing costs but inflation remains stubbornly high.

The country's consumer price index rose to 4.9 percent in February, well above the government's full-year target of four percent, despite persistent efforts to reduce household costs and ease growing consumer anxiety.

Analysts at Barclays Capital noted that "investors continue to exhibit symptoms of flight to safety."

They added: "Gold and silver gained as oil prices forged ahead with its upward trajectory while ongoing geopolitical concerns and European sovereign debt issues remained in the background."

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their in-

"Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning club-

ment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.



vestment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years.

house complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their invest-



The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin



The Queens outdoor

restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!



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'Softie' Singaporean soldier counselled



Singaporean soldier who was photographed with a maid carrying his rucksack is seen here in a local newspaper.

SINGAPORE (AFP) – A Singaporean soldier who was photographed with a maid carrying his rucksack has undergone counselling and is "remorseful" over his behaviour, the defence ministry said.

The picture, circulated by local media then seen around the world after spreading on the Internet, had sparked out-

rage and concern that recruits to Singapore's armed forces are "softies".

"The serviceman concerned has identified himself to his commander," defence ministry director of public affairs Colonel Desmond Tan said in a letter published in the Straits Times.

"He has been counselled and continues his training."

Tan said the soldier was "remorseful for his actions and realises that it was wrong for him to have allowed this".

The photograph showed the young soldier in fatigues and combat boots walking on a footpath, with his female domestic helper following behind with his military-issue rucksack.

Singapore maintains a conscript-based military and its armed forces are among the best equipped in Asia. Every able-bodied male citizen and permanent resident 18 years old and above must undergo two years of military training.

There has been criticism that current training drills are not as tough compared with what older generations had to undergo because of complaints from parents.

Analysts, however, said the rucksack photograph was not a fair representation of today's armed forces.

Gerard Depardieu 'in Russia to play Rasputin'



SAINT PETERSBURG (AFP) – French actor Gerard Depardieu has started filming in Russia for his role as Grig-

ory Rasputin in a France-Russia co-production about the mysterious Tsarist monk, producers said.

"Depardieu, who is playing Rasputin, started filming on Monday in the village of Malye Karely" outside the city of Arkhangelsk in the Far North of Russia, said Anastasia Kovtun of production company B-Twin.

The firm is producing the film along with the public channels France-3 and Rossiya. The location, the site of an outdoor museum, has been chosen for its closeness to the atmosphere of a 19th century Siberian village.

The film should be finished by January, with most of the filming taking place in the former imperial capital of Saint Petersburg.

Rasputin, famous for his mystical influence over Russia's last Tsar Nicholas II and his wife Alexandra, was assassinated in December 1916 by a group of discontented aristocrats.

Alexandra is being played in the film by French actress Fanny Ardant

Arnold Schwarzenegger is back...



CANNES, France : US actor and former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger poses with the poster of the TV serie he stars in as a cartoon superhero, "The Governator", in Cannes, southern France, during the MIPTV, one of the world's largest broadcasting and audiovisual trade shows to be held until April 7, 2011.

AFP/Photo



NEW YORK: 'Desperate Housewives' star Eva Longoria oversees the release of her new book "Eva's Kitchen" : Cooking with Love for Family and Friends. The 36-years-old actress believes that the secret to good health is through good food, but warns you can have too much of a good thing.

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Tiger can only marvel at new longer hitters

Off course

Tiger Woods, four-time winner at Augusta National, is stuck in a 17-month winless streak. He hopes to find his game at the Masters, where he hasn't won since 2005.

Woods at the Masters

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2001	●			-16	1,008
2002	●			-12	1,008
2003		T15		+2	93
2004		T22		+2	70.2
2005	●			-12	1,260
2006		T3		-4	315.7
2007		T2		+3	541.3
2008		2nd		-5	810
2009		T6		-8	242.8
2010		T4		-11	330.0

Majors won

Woods' 14 major wins is second to Jack Nicklaus' record 18.

M-Masters; U-US Open; B-British Open; P-PGA Championship

Year	M	U	B	P
1997				
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AUGUSTA (AFP) - Tiger Woods says his best is yet to come, he is ready to snap an 18-month win drought this week at the Masters and he still expects to break the career record of 18 Majors won by Jack Nicklaus.

But the 35-year-old winner of 14 Majors suddenly finds himself in the position he put so many other golfers when his jaw-dropping long drives started producing major titles at the 1997 Masters -- behind golf's evolutionary curve.

"I'm hitting it just as far. That's the thing. It's no problem for me hitting over 300 yards," Woods said. "But there are guys who flight it 320 (yards)."

Big hitters have an advantage this week at an Augusta National layout lengthened greatly since Woods won in record fashion in 1997.

"It does help on the par 5s. It can be done (without it) but it just puts more stress on your wedge game," Woods said.

"I'm certainly not one of the longest (hitters), there's no doubt, but I can still move it out there. I'm not one of the shortest yet.

"I have another gear in there where I can add 15, 20. It's still there. But some of these longer guys, they are at 15, 20, and then they have another gear. The sport has changed. Guys are bigger and

faster and can certainly move it."

Woods recounted playing two rounds at the Arnold Palmer Invitational two weeks ago with fellow Americans Dustin Johnson and Gary Woodland and receiving a rude awakening on the state of his drives, his knees weakened by years of toil.

"I thought Dustin was long and Dustin has got nothing on Gary," Woods said. "When Gary steps on it, it's like, 'Whoa, are you kidding me?' His ball is flat. When you think it should be coming down it, it just continues to fly.

"He hit a shot on 16 and it was a 335 carry with a bunker on the right and he hit the face of it and he's all bent out of shape that he couldn't carry it. He said, 'I've lost the ability to carry 340 now.'"

Woods rolled his eyes skyward, adding, "Like, sorry, I had never seen that shot."

It's much the way shots by Woods looked when he was winning four Majors in a row in 2000 and 2001. It's an evolution Woods helped create by pushing strength work and fitness and luring bigger, faster-swinging players to golf over other sports.

"That's the new game," Woods said. "That's what I've said all along, these guys who have played other sports try golf and then they decide to play golf instead. So it's neat

to see these guys transform into our sport, the power, the transition. They are doing things no one has ever seen on tour before."

Woods takes pride in having performed many of the golfing feats that lured this new generation to golf.

"It's special to hear guys say that because it's very easy for them to fall in line and play other sports," Woods said.

"Having other athletes play the game, like a Michael Jordan, and expose it that way, has made kids think that this is a pretty cool sport to play. They try and they are hooked too and they love the challenge of it.

"It's pretty neat to see the game change. The game has gotten taller and it has the gotten bigger. Guys are much more athletic and faster. It's a different ballgame."

Woods said he has a new appreciation for how rivals saw him in the early days of "Tiger-mania" and an understanding how older rivals defeated him.

What Woods cannot do is bash the ball as he did a decade ago.

"I can't swing that way," Woods said. "It took a pretty good pounding on me knee doing it that way. I tore cartilage and my (anterior cruciate ligament) over the years so I don't want to swing that way. It's too much pain."



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Costa Rica in line to replace Japan at Copa America

ASUNCION (AFP) - Costa Rica appeared front-runners to replace Japan after the Asian champions withdrew from the Copa America, the South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL) indicated Tuesday - amid reports from Madrid that world champions Spain might accept an invite.

The Japanese, who had been due to appear as special guests for the second time at the South American showpiece along with fellow invitees Mexico, withdrew Monday owing to the logistical nightmare caused by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, which cost some 12,000 lives and brought action in the domestic J-League to a halt.

With the Japanese now looking to overcome their fixture backlog in July rather than travel to the Copa, CONMEBOL spokesman Nestor Benitez told AFP that Costa Rica and also Canada had expressed interest in joining the event in Japan's place.

But with the tournament looming ever closer Benitez also mentioned Egypt and New Zealand as other possibilities.

"Hopefully everything will be sorted out before April 29, the date for a meeting of CONMEBOL's executive committee," Benitez said.

Costa Rica Football Association president Eduardo Li meanwhile indicated that "we are very interested in participating. It would be Costa Rica's third invitation and it is something very important."

In a further development the president of the Spanish Football Federation (RFE), Angel Maria Villar, admitted to Spanish reporters that he had received an official invitation from Argentine counterpart Julio Grondona to take part.

Argentina are hosting the July 1-24 event.

Whichever team does come in would be placed in Group A with the Argentinians, Colombia and Bolivia.

Euro failures will spur us on, says Lampard

LONDON (AFP) - Frank Lampard insists the painful memories of Chelsea's Champions League failures will spur them on against Manchester United in Wednesday's quarter-final first leg.

Lampard still carries the scars of Chelsea's agonising 2008 final defeat against United following a penalty shoot-out in the Moscow rain and the England midfielder has also been on the losing side in four semi-finals.

While Lampard was keen to play down talk of revenge over United, seven of the team beaten by Sir Alex Ferguson's side three years ago could start in the first leg at Stamford Bridge and he

knows it would be especially sweet to eliminate such a bitter rival.

Yet even more important to Lampard than getting one over on United is the thought of finally experiencing the elation of winning Europe's top club prize.

"The disappointments spur you on. There is nothing worse than the feeling of losing a Champions League final or semi-final," Lampard said.

"To score in the 2008 final was a nice achievement but it was a feeling of frustration for me in the end.

"We played well in the second half and felt we were going to win the game and to lose on penalties was hard to take.

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Huskies capture college basketball crown



Kemba Walker #15, Alex Oriakhi #34 and Charles Okwandu #35 of the Connecticut Huskies celebrate with their team

HOUSTON, Texas (AFP) — Kemba Walker finished with 16 points as the Connecticut Huskies defeated the Butler Bulldogs 53-41 to capture the American college basketball championship.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun became just the fifth NCAA coach in history to win three national championships.

Walker had been averaging 25.0 points per game heading into Monday's Final Four championship. He also had nine rebounds Monday while Alex Oriakhi finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Connecticut finished off one of US college basketball's best playoff runs, winning six games in the NCAA tournament. They also won five games in five days to take the Big East crown.

Connecticut's defence stood out as the Huskies held the Bulldogs to a tournament-record low 18.8 shooting percentage (12-for-64).

It was the second consecutive year Butler lost in the final after losing 61-59 last year to the Duke Blue Devils.

Guard Shelvin Mack led the Bulldogs with 13 points and nine boards.

Goodell calls for better drug testing



WOODLAWN, Maryland (AFP) — Commissioner Roger Goodell says steroids may be a bigger problem in the NFL than some think and that he wants human growth hormone testing in the next collective bargaining agreement.

Asked during a speech to a group of American high school students Monday why Major League Baseball has a bigger problem with drug cheats than American gridiron, Goodell replied: "I'm not sure that's true."

Goodell said the NFL is doing all it can to catch players using performance enhancing drugs but it still needs to beef up its testing programme. And one of the biggest improvements they can make is to start testing for human growth hormone or HGH, he said.

"We'd be naive to think that people aren't trying to cheat the system. But we have to have the best testing programme to be able to offset that," Goodell told reporters after his school visit.

"I made it clear to the kids in the room today that the integrity of the NFL is critical, and we need to make sure we're doing everything possible to have the best drug programme in sports."

"Making changes to our programme is critical and we have done that over the years. We need to do more, including the inclusion of HGH testing."

Athletes use HGH because

it is hard to detect and they believe it can boost speed and improve vision.

While HGH is on the NFL's list of banned substances, the league does not test for it.

The NFL Players Association has in the past fought blood tests that could detect HGH.

The NFL is in the midst of a work stoppage after the owners locked out the players when both sides couldn't agree on a new labour contract.

Billionaire team owners and multimillionaire players have been unable to agree on how to divide more than \$9 billion in annual revenue from America's most popular spectator sport.

The 2011 NFL season isn't scheduled to start until September.



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Missing tape found in Bonds trial



SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) – In a last-minute twist in the Barry Bonds trial, prosecutors announced they had a recording of Bonds' surgeon discussing Bonds and steroids with the slugger's ex-business manager.

Doctor Arthur Ting threw a wrench in the prosecution's case last week when he denied ever having conversations about Bonds alleged steroids use, contradicting testimony from a key government witness.

That witness, ex-business manager Steve Hoskins, told jurors he'd had "probably 50" conversations with the surgeon about Bonds' use of banned drugs.

Hoskins also said Ting researched specific steroids for Bonds and told Hoskins a 1999 elbow injury sustained by Bonds could only have been caused by steroids.

But when Ting got on the stand, he calmly denied all of it. "Did I have any conversations with Stevie about steroids? "With confidence, I can say I didn't discuss that," he said.

In prior testimony, Hoskins said he had attempted to secretly record one such discussion but later wasn't able to find the tape and wasn't sure if it had recorded properly.

After Ting denied the discussions took place in court last week, Hoskins apparently

found the tape.

In that testimony, he acknowledged taking substances he believed were flaxseed oil and arthritis balm but denied knowingly using performance-enhancing drugs.

The discovery of the tape is a remarkable turn of events in a case that was expected to wrap up as soon as today.

Instead, the jury was dismissed for the day after one juror reported sick, and court proceedings turned to how to handle the new evidence.

The tape contains a roughly 15-minute conversation between Hoskins and Ting about Bonds and steroids that took place at Ting's Northern California medical practice "soon after the BALCO search warrants were executed," Parrella said.

In his testimony almost two weeks ago, Hoskins said he repeatedly spoke with Ting about Bonds steroid use. On one occasion, "Barry was sore and I wanted to know if he could keep shooting ... in the same place," he said.

In his testimony, Ting acknowledged giving Hoskins some printouts on steroids, which prosecutors had already introduced as evidence.

But he denied that Hoskins had told him the information was for Bonds, or that he ever researched specific drugs for the Giants star.

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Tennis: Injured Clijsters out for four to six weeks

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) – World number two Kim Clijsters confirmed yesterday she will be sidelined for between four to six weeks with shoulder and wrist injuries.

The reigning Australian Open champion will miss the Fed Cup semi-final against the Czech Republic later this

month, and the Madrid WTA tournament from April 30 to May 8.

"I think this is a great pity," said Clijsters, 27, on her website. "The Fed Cup is something I was really looking forward to. But I felt that something was out of the ordinary: There were too many

minor ailments, one after the other, which did not seem to disappear. Something like that gets into your head."

"I don't want to force anything, because I want to prevent it from becoming chronic by any means. I really want to be there at this

year's Roland Garros.

If all goes according to plan the four-time Grand Slam winner hopes to be fit to return for the Rome tournament on May 9, two weeks before the French Open where she was runner-up in 2001 and 2003.

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